

WEEKLY DIGEST

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IN THE NEWS

C/2ndLt David Eby received his Mitchell Award in a very unusual ceremony. The Mitchell Award was due to be "officially" presented at the Ft. McHenry Composite Squadron's banquet on Friday, January 26 in Baltimore. C/2ndLt Eby was in Hagerstown participating in the search for a missing aircraft that day. His squadron commander, **Capt Tori Steinmeier** arranged for "teleceremony" with the local Hagerstown FBO. At 7:30 p.m. on the evening of the banquet, C/2ndLt Eby and a group of his fellow cadets met in the FBO. Capt Steinmeier called from the banquet facilities in Baltimore. Everyone was put on the speakers phone and **Lt Col James Steinmeier** presented C/2ndLt Eby with his Mitchell award. C/2ndLt Eby saluted the telephone and "accepted" his Mitchell, or rather the facsimile his fellow cadets had provided. Photographs were taken at both sites to document this most unusual ceremony.

C/2ndLt Eby is a junior at Severna Park High School in Severna Park, Maryland. He is the son of Janet and Kenneth Eby. In addition to serving as a radio operator and ground team member in emergency services mission, C/2ndLt Eby is the Cadet Commander of the Ft. McHenry Composite Squadron.



C/2ndLt David Eby stands by the speakerphone in Hagerstown waiting to receive his Mitchell Award.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Several issues of interest for the Wing.

ELECTRONIC UPDATE TO CAP NATIONAL BOARD

Week Ending: 25 January 2001

FUNDING ISSUE. Reference the funding issue surfaced in our last update, we "pulled the trigger" unnecessarily. In that regard, we have outstanding news for this update. The Air Force is working diligently not only to restore our funding for FY02, but is seeking approval to increase the Operations and Maintenance baseline to levels that will allow us to continue to provide and improve the quality of programs for our volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks should go to Brigadier General Bishop and his boss, Lieutenant General Foglesong, for taking the lead on our behalf at the Air Staff. We expect this issue to be brought to a positive conclusion very soon.

MAULE AIRCRAFT. The first Maule arrived Monday with first flights Tuesday. The Tues flights were with the Becker factory reps to check out the new 406 DF equipment. The second airplane is presently in flight test at the factory and when it arrives we start delivery to the wings. Plans are for the wings to send one or two check pilots to Maxwell for a checkout after which they take an airplane home. A ground school course will be on

the web momentarily which should be completed prior to arrival. Comments so far are very positive " Now this looks like a mission aircraft".

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. Good story on cadet program. Demonstrates how a units active participation in community outreach activities can change a young person's life, i.e. air shows, civic festivals, etc. That's how these two young people found out about CAP. <http://www.heraldnet.com/Stories/01/1/1/13309378.cfm> May I suggest that all of you encourage your unit commanders to take advantage of every opportunity in their local communities to involve more young people in the program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. A weekly quiz has been added to the Professional Development Division web page to encourage CAP members' interested in professional development topics. The first member who sends the correct email answer each week is recognized on the web page and becomes eligible for a prize from the Aerospace Education Directorate. When the answer is posted, a link to the source of the question allows members to find out more information. Check out this week's quiz which asks for expertise in aircraft identification at http://www.capnhq.gov/nhq/aeroed/ae_web_page/cap_professional_development_wee.htm

JUST IN FROM THE AP WIRE SERVICE. CAP volunteers are currently involved in three different searches for missing aircraft: (Copyright 2001 by The Associated Press. All Rights Reserved.) **HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) -** Rescue workers continued combing the wooded mountains of far western Maryland and north central West Virginia on Wednesday, two days after a private airplane disappeared over the rugged terrain. Radar indicated the 1964 Wittman Tailwind Model DN-1 experimental aircraft was losing altitude near Grafton, W.Va., Monday, said Col. Claude Hess of the Civil Air Patrol's West Virginia wing. The pilot of a following plane lost sight of the homemade aircraft, which took off Monday from Wall, N.J., near Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County, Md., said Lt. Col. Eugene Thorn, another Civil Air Patrol officer in West Virginia. The lake is about 40 miles east of Grafton. Thorn said the second pilot thought the first had flown on ahead, so he continued to their planned destination, Mason County Airport in Point Pleasant, W.Va. Hess said a witness reported seeing a small, low-flying plane in the Grafton area around the time the plane disappeared late Monday afternoon. "We have ground search teams in that area at this time. We also have planes overhead at this time," Hess said. The Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol had at least three flight crews and two ground teams searching parts of western Maryland, Capt. Kay Walling said. The single-engine Tailwind can carry two people, including the pilot, Thorn said. He said it wasn't known whether a passenger was on board. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said he did not have names for the pilots of either aircraft. He identified the owner of the missing plane as Frank S. Glonek, 60, of Lacey, N.J. A woman who answered the door Tuesday night at Glonek's home declined to comment. Peters said the FAA never assumes a missing plane has crashed. "We hope the plane has landed safely and the pilot is OK," he said.

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AP-WV--Missing Plane (Tops)

Weather hampers search for missing plane

(Grafton-AP) -- Rescue crews say poor visibility and cold weather are hampering the search for a missing plane in north central West Virginia and western Maryland. Today, about 50 people

from Marion and Taylor counties Concentrated the search in the Plum Run area. The Three Rivers Area Search and Rescue, which uses dogs and horses, was called in to help. A search also is under way in the Deep Creek Lake area of Maryland. Civil Air Patrol flights and ground crews are searching for a single-engine plane -- a Wittman Tailwind Model DN-1 Experimental Aircraft. The pilot was last heard from Monday afternoon, when he had contact with the pilot of another plane as they flew together from New Jersey to Point Pleasant. The last contact was made just west of Hagerstown, Maryland. Civil Air Patrol officials in Clarksburg say radar indicates the plane began losing altitude near Grafton. A witness claims to have seen a small, low-flying plane in that area. The other pilot landed safely at the Mason County Airport.

(Kim Stafford, WDTV)

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Capt Tori Steinmeier, in Baltimore, connects by telephone to C/2ndLt Eby, in Hagerstown, while Lt Col James Steinmeier stands by for the Mitchell Award presentation.

E-MAIL

1. FROM: Trick, Larry L [TrickLL@navair.navy.mil]

DATE: Mon 01/29/2001 10:19 AM

SUBJECT: Search for Missing Wittman Tailwind Aircraft, Mission # 01M0133

Let me add my thanks to all who participated in the mission. Good job ! CC

2. FROM: Christian Ready, Capt, CAP

[chrisready@home.com]

DATE: Tue 01/30/2001 12:05 AM

SUBJECT: More SAR mission images available

Additional images from last week's search mission are now available from the MDWG web site at <http://mdwg.cap.gov>

3. FROM: Christian Ready, Capt, CAP Christian Ready

[chrisready@home.com]

DATE: Wed 01/31/2001 10:12 PM

SUBJECT: Message Guidelines

Lately, there have been some attempts by members of this list to send e-mails that have attachments. While we certainly understand the rationale behind this, we'd like to remind everyone of our no-attachment policy on MDWG-INFO.

4. FROM: Christian Ready, Capt, CAP

[chrisready@home.com]

DATE: Wed 01/31/2001 10:25 PM

SUBJECT: NHQ Web Site's e-services section

By now, every unit commander in MDWG should (I say again, SHOULD) have access to the new e-services section of the NHQ web site. Unit Commanders that have e-mail addresses would have been notified of their usernames and passwords via e-mail. The purpose of this message is to ask that if unit commanders did not gain access, please let me know who access should be granted to. There's a big push right now for everyone to get their vehicle mileage into the National database. The access that's been granted should permit unit commanders to do this. Unit Commanders, if you do not wish to do this, please let me know who your designee is for this purpose.

5. FROM: John Henderson [JHender698@aol.com]

DATE: Thu 02/01/2001 05:03 PM

SUBJECT: Bay Patrol 2001

The 2001 Season Bay Patrol School/FRO Course will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001. The location is tentatively scheduled to be Wing HQ in the basement of the Administration building, however that could be changed at a later date. This course is open to anyone who would like to attend, cadets/seniors. All I ask is that you should be qualified or soon will be qualified to participate in any of the Bay Patrol Operational Areas (Duty Officer, Pilot, Observer, Scanner, Radio Operator). There are some people interested in flying in to BWI, so if you will be attending and would be able to assist with transportation from BWI to Wing HQ for those people, please let me know so I can direct them on who to contact. This date is being forwarded to

MDWG/CS to be placed on the MDWG Calendar. Any questions, the POC is myself, Capt. John Henderson, at 410-285-2426, or Pager 410-938-7079, Freestate 41. The Bay Patrol School will last from approximately 0900-noon, with the FRO course starting approx. 1300 hours and ending at 1500 hr.. These courses have been updated from previous courses so come and let me know what you think.

6. FROM: Christian Ready, Capt, CAP

[chrisready@home.com]

DATE: Sat 02/03/2001 07:48 PM

SUBJECT: New 101 card listing on web

An updated listing of 101 card holders is now on the MDWG web site at <http://mdwg.cap.gov>. You'll find it under Operations.

7. FROM: John Henderson, Capt., CAP, MDWG/DOO

[JHender698@aol.com]

DATE: Sun 02/04/2001 10:01 PM

SUBJECT: Bay Patrol Schedule

1. There is a DRAFT copy of the 2001 Bay Patrol Schedule that will be posted to the Wing Website as soon as Capt. Ready is able to do so. Look at the schedule and see if there are any major problems that I should address before it becomes official. I have been able to arrange it so that each aircraft will alternate days (Sat/Sun) so that those who attend Church and family gatherings on Sunday may participate.

2. The Schedule will have A/C 1 thru 3 at the top of the page. This means that these 3 aircraft are scheduled for that day, however it is still a first come, first serve for Bay area assignments. Once I deem the schedule to be ready to go, I will post an announcement saying that the draft is now hard copy.

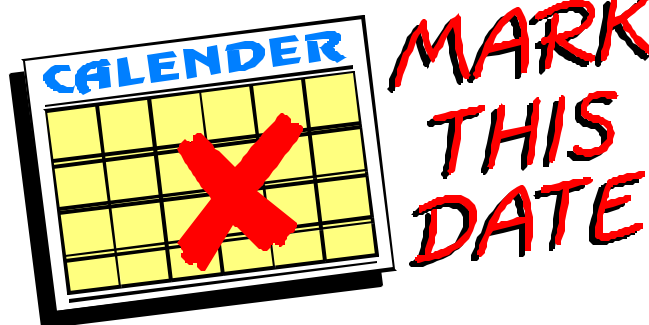
3. Those of you who are qualified to serve as Duty Officer, I will need you to start signing up as soon as possible to prevent the problems I had last year of waiting until the last moment to locate a DO.

4. Reminder the Bay Patrol School/FRO Course will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2001, at a location to be determined. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me and I'll address them as needed.

MARYLAND WING VHF AND HF NETS 01-30-01

1. From 1st Lt Mark Erickson: This is a communications tip that I will be issuing from time to time. When I hear improper procedures on the radio, I will include them as a communications tip. The proword "BREAK" is only used in a formal message to separate the preamble from the text and at the end of the message. It is NOT used to separate calls on the radio. If you wish to terminate a contact with one station and call a second without letting up off of the microphone button, use the proword "OUT" and NOT "BREAK."

2. From Lt Col Trick: To all vehicle commanders, a reminder that the transportation reports are due and this data can be entered on the National Web Page precluding the need for a paper copy to be submitted. Also, there are still some vehicles that have not completed their emissions test yet. Please get these tests done in a timely manner so we can keep our vehicles legal on the streets.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 11 February 2001: Honor Guard practice, Four Winds at Ft. Meade, contact Lt Col Jett Mayhew

Monday, 12 February 2001: Wing HQ Squadron and Directors meeting

Saturday, 17 February 2001 and Sunday 18 February 2001: ES Training Weekend, location TBA, contact Maj Vas Konecny

Monday, 19 February 2001: Wing Headquarters closed

Sunday, 25 February 2001: Drill Team Practice, Four Winds at Ft. Meade, contact Capt Brian Coats

Monday, 26 February 2001: PAO Third Monday Seminar, Wing HQ, contact Capt Kay Joslin Walling